

# Spring 2025 Napier Courses

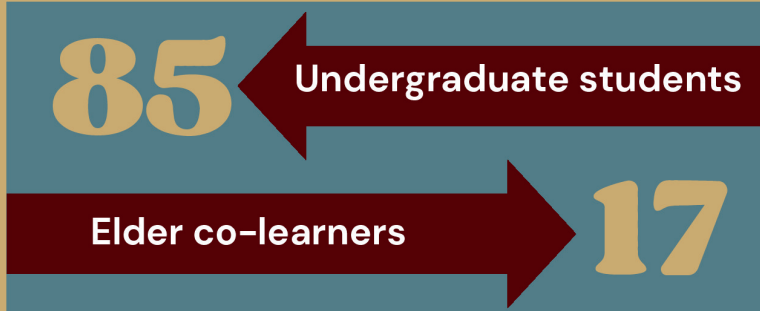
**4** Napier Courses offered at the Claremont Colleges

**Feminism & Science**  
*Prof. Susan Castagnetto*

**Human-Centered Design**  
*Prof. Fred Leichter*

**People and Power: The History and Practice of Community Organizing**  
*Prof. Tomás Summers Sandoval and Paul Cromwell, Pilgrim Place Community Educator*

**Political Economy of Food**  
*Prof. Nancy Neiman*



## 15 Years of Impact 2010–2025



### Your Generosity in Action

The Napier Initiative celebrated its 15th anniversary in the 2024–2025 academic year, commemorating a significant milestone for this intergenerational learning partnership between Pilgrim Place and the five undergraduate Claremont Colleges. This report celebrates the Initiative’s collective commitment to encourage creative ecological and social change over the past 15 years.

**74 cents of every \$1**  
donated to The Napier Initiative directly  
supports student projects, intergenerational  
courses, and mentoring



To learn more about **The Napier Initiative** or to make a gift to support these programs, visit [www.napierinitiative.org](http://www.napierinitiative.org) or call 909-399-5511.

The Napier Initiative is a partnership between Pilgrim Place (Federal Tax ID#95-1691301) and the five undergraduate Claremont Colleges.



### Since The Napier Initiative’s Inception in 2010

**563** Undergraduate students and elders took at least one Napier Course at the Claremont Colleges

**160** Napier Fellows benefited from a mentoring relationship with Pilgrim Place elders



**7** Claremont Colleges undergraduate faculty members offered at least one Napier Course

**33** Projects granted awards totaling \$449,000





# 2024-2025 Napier Fellows

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Paul M. Minus Awardees  
each received  
\$20,000 project grants



## Minus Awardees



**Shakinar Mutulili**

*Pomona College*

Founded the Freedom within Kenya Project to improve living conditions for children and mothers in two ill-equipped rural prisons

I want to express my gratitude for your support of this amazing fellowship. This program gives young leaders an opportunity to impact lives beyond our own, to be part of the change within our communities, and to move the dial of justice, fairness, and equity forward every day.

**Natasha Yen**

*Pitzer College*

Implemented the Youth Empowerment and Leadership Program at Little Rose Center in Soweto, South Africa, offering leadership and skills development workshops



**“The Napier Initiative is helping me build a strong foundation as I discover and develop my capacity for impactful work.”**

This program has given me the space to reflect on my journey and imagine how I can use my passions and skills to make a meaningful impact. I’m especially grateful to my mentor at Pilgrim Place who modeled what lifelong dedication to social justice and community organizing looks like. Just as you have invested in me as a Fellow, I am now able to invest in the youth of Soweto.



**“I am certain that my relationship with Tamara will last far beyond the end of this school year. I am so deeply grateful for her.”**

I plan to work in educational support/access organizations while earning my teaching credential and eventually a master’s in education degree. My experience of having a mentor was absolutely fantastic. Tamara was beyond encouraging with my Napier project, but has also been such a big supporter in my life beyond the project.

Napier Fellow  
**Cecilia Ransburg, Pomona College**



I will continue to volunteer with USC Street Medicine on multiple projects. I also plan to apply to medical school, then return to the field of community medicine. My experience of having Pilgrim Place mentors was absolutely wonderful!

**“I received so much guidance and wisdom through this program, for which I am forever grateful!”**

Napier Fellow  
**Daphne Achilles, Claremont McKenna College**

I am excited to begin my journey as a physician at University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine this fall. I will continue to seek opportunities to improve inclusive patient care and develop hospital infrastructure that supports this vision. I thank my Napier mentor, Karyn, for sharing her wisdom, encouragement, and life story with me this past year.

**“I appreciated the chance for a unique intergenerational exchange and long-lasting friendship.”**

Napier Fellow  
**Emily Dong, Scripps College**

